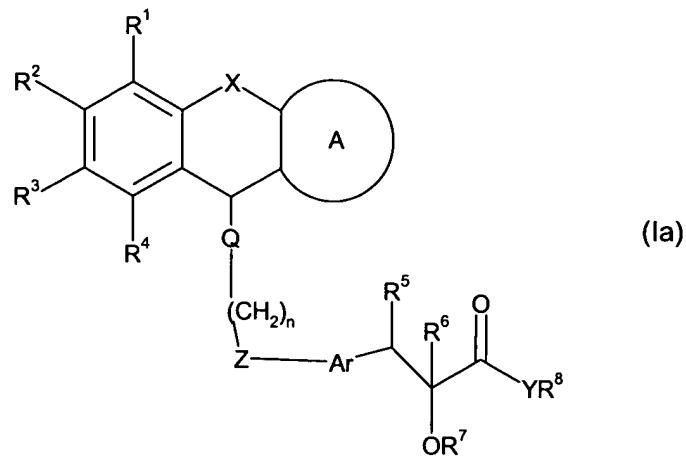


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to compounds of formula (I)

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wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, Ar, X, Q, A, Y and Z are as defined in the specification. These compounds are useful in the treatment and/or prevention of conditions mediated by nuclear receptors, in particular the Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptors (PPAR).

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